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SUBJECT: INDONESIA SEEKS SURINAME'S SUPPORT FOR SECURITY
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[1](#)1. (U) On June 7, a special envoy from the Government of Indonesia, Ambassador Ambassador Soemadi D.M. Brotodiningrat, met with President Venetiaan, according to the evening newspaper "De West." Ambassador Brotodiningrat reportedly discussed Indonesia's candidacy for a non-permanent seat on the U.N. Security Council for 2007-2008 with the President.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation, is hoping to receive support from Suriname, which has a population consisting of 13.5 percent Muslims, and historic ties based in late nineteenth century Indonesian emigration to Suriname. An official from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs told the Embassy that Suriname does not have an official position on the 2007-2008 voting yet, but will most likely join the Caricom consensus.

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